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Pawtucket students awarded scholarships at Statehouse

PROVIDENCE — Pawtucket residents Alicia Franco, James Kerr and Felipe Molina were honored at a brief ceremony at the Rhode Island state house on June 24, with Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts and General Treasurer Frank Caprio presenting them Paul V. Sherlock scholarships. Charles Kelley, executive director of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority (RISLA) served as master of ceremonies where \$2,000 scholarships were awarded to 25 students from 17 Rhode Island high schools.

Franco graduated from Central Falls High School and will be attending CCRI in the fall with a major in Accounting. Molina graduated from Tolman High School and will be attending URI and majoring in International Business. Kerr, a 1968 graduate of St. Raphael Academy, will be attending CCRI in the fall, and will major in Humans Services and Gerontology.

The Paul Sherlock scholarship was created to honor the memory of an 18-year member of the RISLA Board, who served with great distinction,

offering wise counsel and steady leadership to the organization. Paul is remembered



Kerr

for his remarkable career as an educator, statesman, and advocate. His legacy continues to live on at the RI

Student Loan Authority through the Paul V. Sherlock Scholarship. "In these difficult financial times when families may be struggling to send their children on to higher education, RISLA is proud to offer financial assistance to deserving high school seniors," stated Charles Kelley.

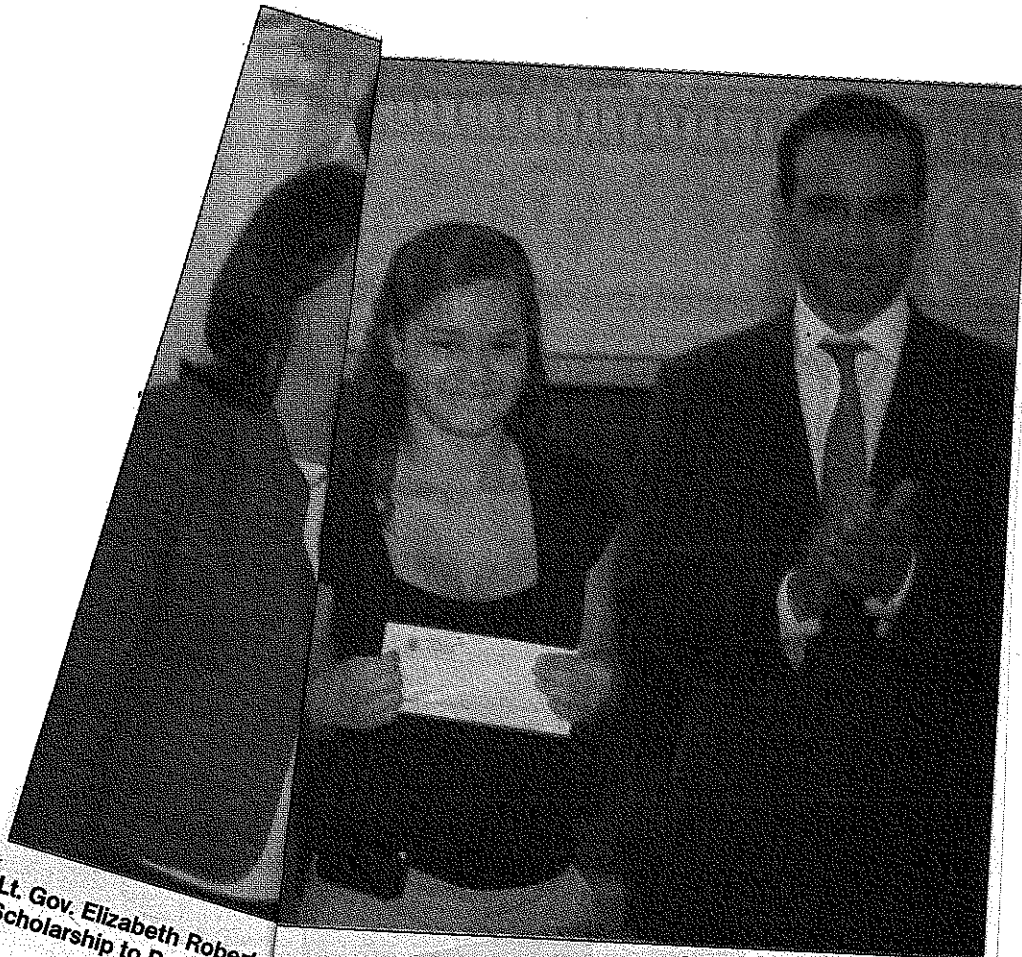
The high schools seniors receiving scholarships attended school at Bishop Hendricken, Central Falls, Chariho Regional, Classical, Cranston West, Cumberland, East Providence, Mount Hope, North Providence, Our Lady of Fatima, Providence Academy of international Studies, Scituate, St. Andrew's School, St. Raphael Academy,

Toll Gate, Tollman and West Warwick.

Eight of this year's scholarship recipients will be attending the University of Rhode Island, with four attending Rhode Island College, three attending CCRI, one attending Salve Regina University, one attending Providence College, and eight recipients attending schools outside of Rhode Island.

Over the past 5 years, the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority (RISLA) has awarded more than \$250,000 to deserving high school students throughout the state.

About RISLA - The Rhode Island Student Loan Authority (RISLA), a non-profit State authority, provides affordable higher education loans. Since 1981, the Authority has provided over 200,000 loans, helping more than 100,000 students to achieve the education that they deserve. RISLA also offers students and parents free educational admissions and financial aid assistance through the College Planning Center of Rhode Island (CPCRI).



Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Roberts, and General Treasurer Frank Caprio, right, award a Sherlock
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Scholarship to Pawtucket's Lucia Franco at the Statehouse recently.